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SUBJECT: RETIREMENT OF CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF

1. THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ADMIRAL SIR EDWARD ASHMORE, 57, CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF AND FIRST SEA LORD, WILL RETIRE IN AUGUST. ADMIRAL SIR TERENCE LEWIN, 56, AT PRESENT COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF NAVAL HOME COMMAND, WILL SUCCEED ASHMORE. ADMIRAL SIR DAVID WILLIAMS, 55, AT PRESENT CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AND SECOND SEA LORD, WILL SUCCEED LEWIN.

2. ADMIRAL SIR EDWARD ASHMORE'S RETIREMENT COMES ON THE HEELS OF PRESS SPECULATION THAT HE PLANNED TO RESIGN IN PROTEST AGAINST THE NEW DEFENSE CUTS CONTAINED IN THE HEALEY IMF LOAN ECONOMIC PACKAGE. THIS SPECULATION WAS VIGOROUSLY DENIED AT THE TIME AND MOD SOURCES

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HAVE CONFIRMED THAT ASHMORE'S RETIREMENT IS NOT UNUSUAL -- AND THAT IN FACT IT HAS BEEN PLANNED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND ONLY NOW IS BEING ANNOUNCED. NONE-THELESS, IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT ASHMORE OPPOSED THE NEW CUTS AND WITH HIS FELLOW CHIEFS CONVEYED THE MILITARY'S CONCERN THAT THE UK'S MILITARY STRENGTH IS BEING DANGEROUSLY DEPLETED.

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